

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: God is here

**Many: We meet God in this place**

One: God is here

**Many: We worship God in this place**

One: God's presence overwhelms us

**Many: We experience the Holy in this place**

One: God is everywhere

**Many: God goes with us when we leave**

One: God is here

**All: Let us worship**

ANTHEM: *God Is Here*

Stevens

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Jesus asked his disciples to follow him. Today, God calls us to follow. The voice of God seeks us out and calls us to follow. We worship today in celebration of our response to God's voice to follow. Let us worship the God we follow. Amen.**

("\*" invites all who are able to stand. **Bold** indicates read in unison.)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please remain in your seat and wave to your neighbors.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Holy God, we lift up to you the many times this week in which we didn't follow. Those moments in which you lit a path that we did not take, instead following our will or someone else's claims. We work hard each day to do good; yet we live in a world full of temptations. Help us when we fail to follow, and work within us each day as we strive to make good choices.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

\* HYMN: 562 (Red Hymnal) *Be Thou My Vision*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**All: Holy Divine, descend into our hearts and minds so that we may see and hear your Words clearly. Work in us and through us for your glory. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 6:17-26

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

Rev. Brenda D. Ford

\* HYMN: 597 (Red Hymnal) *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*

## **WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN: 548 (Red Hymnal) *As the Deer*

CALL TO OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We lift up to you, Holy God, these gifts given with joyful hearts. We ask that you work within the gifts offered here today to double your glory in this world. Allow the session and church leaders to make wise choices as to how to use these gifts to do your work within our church and community. Amen.**

\* HYMN: 567 (Red Hymnal) *Nearer, Still Nearer*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

DISMISSAL *Go Now in Peace*

POSTLUDE

### **THE WORSHIP IS OVER, LET THE SERVICE BEGIN**

Dr. Gary de Sesa	Director, Ministry of Music
Dr. Natalie Naylor	Clerk of Session
Robert Gilmore	Treasurer

Kita de Sesa is our Soprano soloist.

We welcome to the pulpit today The Rev. Brenda D. Ford.

Assisting in today's service is Mary Matos.

Refreshments Host for today is Natalie Naylor.

The Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by the Barbara Wackenhut Foundation.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

The Zanchelli Family	Family of Emily Dyer
Emma Steck	Cynthia Randall
Dawn and John de Sesa	Sam Rizzo
Graziella Girardi	Emmie Shoch
Jeff Lovering	Judy Mastrangelo & Family
John Nistico	Regina Maria
Jay Sikserz	Ray Peres
Marco Martufi	Blake and Megan Stevason
Mike Honovich	Nico Barley
Gerry Catalanello	Chris Foti
Sylvia McAdams	Jenn Gallagher
Dennis Prager	Richie Miranda
Wang Jin Pen	Paula Liscio
Aldin Monroe	Stefania Cecchini

All victims, hostages and their families in the Israeli conflict.  
We pray for peace in the Middle East.

### **First Reading**

**Jeremiah 17:5-10**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>5</sup> This is what the Lord says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the Lord. <sup>6</sup> That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives. <sup>7</sup> "But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. <sup>8</sup> They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." <sup>9</sup> The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? <sup>10</sup> "I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve."

## **Second Reading**

### **1 Corinthians 15:12-20 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>12</sup> But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

<sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. <sup>15</sup> More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.

<sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.

<sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.

<sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

## **Third Reading**

### **Luke 6:17-26 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>17</sup> He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup> who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, <sup>19</sup> and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. <sup>20</sup> Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup> Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup> Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. <sup>24</sup> "But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. <sup>25</sup> Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup> Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

## **ANTHEM**

### **"God Is Here"**

- Stevens

In the darkest night, in the morning light,  
God is here, God is here.  
In the rolling seas, in the galaxies,  
He is here, God is here.

He is ev'rywhere, all the time.  
He hears each prayer to heaven climb.  
In the darkest night, in the morning light,  
God is here, God is here.

When we go astray, when we lose our way,  
God is here, God is here.  
When we seek the Lord and obey His word,  
He is here, god is here.

He is ev'rywhere, all the time.  
He hears each prayer to heaven climb.  
In the darkest night, in the morning light,  
God is here, God is here.  
God is here

### **Go Now in Peace**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen, Amen, Amen.